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## 1900. THE FAIR. 1900.

The Fourteenth Annual Fair

OF THE

R. V. A. & M. SOCIETY

will be held at FREDERICKSBURG, VA.,

SEPT. 25th, 26th, 27th, 1900

The race program is completed. The finest horses will be here, and the races will be exciting.

The Sports and Divisions will be the most interesting for years, and all the departments will be full.

Let everybody place something on exhibition and come to the Fair.

BALLOON ASCENSION each day with Parachute Leap by a Lady.

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Medical Graded Course, four years, \$65.00 per session.  
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## With the incoming Republican administration, being in accord with them.

I was a Confederate soldier, and strange to say, at this late day, I acknowledge I served as private, and am proud of it. I believe that the Republican party represents the best interests of the country, and have fulfilled all the pledges they made in the campaign of 1896, which have brought prosperity to the whole country, and hence I am a Republican. What conditions do we see to-day? Confidence restored, money plenty, wheat 70 cts., as against 55 in '96, cattle \$30, as against \$10 in '96, calves \$5, as against \$3 in '96, lumber higher, and any man who wants a day's work can get it at a good price and paid with a good dollar. I quote what Bryan said in 1896: That if the Republicans won wheat would be 50 cts., wages lower, our business industries paralyzed, farms mortgaged and money locked up and England our backer. What do we see now? Mortgages paid off, money plenty, good prices prevailing, everybody at work and England and Europe a borrower of money from America.

"Bryan is smart; he advocates free silver where it is popular and something else where it is unpopular. Take the reins of the government out of the hands of the Republican party and you will see the gold of this country flow to Europe. President McKinley did not uphold trusts, in his message he opposed them. The only legislation ever passed against trusts was the Republican anti-trust law of 1890. Democrats never did anything about trusts except talk against them on the hustings.

"Congress put a tariff law on Porto Rico but gave it all back to conduct its own government. The Republican party sent to Cuba our own Lee, of Stafford, who drew his sword in defence of the flag, and do you suppose any other man but McKinley would have made Gen. Joseph Wheeler, the ex-Confederate general, a brigadier-general in the regular army? There is a monster in the closet—it is the Philippines—the islands that came into our possession one May morning when Dewey sailed into Manila harbor. Bryan helped to ratify the treaty in which we paid \$20,000,000 for the islands and then went back on it. The people, even if Bryan is elected, will not allow the flag to be hauled down.

"What next? The Democrats have raised the bugaboo of imperialism. It is a question which the people of the country will not entertain. It is simply ridiculous and will fall flat before election day."

He closed by referring to the fact that he was a private in the Confederate army, asked his people to stand by the party that had brought good times and prices to them. The friends of Rogers were elated at his first effort in the campaign, and he received many congratulations.

RIXEY.

Hon. J. F. Rixey said: "Mr. Rogers opened his speech and closed it with the declaration that he was a Confederate soldier, and we find him following the standard of Teddy Roosevelt, who is vilifying the people of the South by saying they are dishonest at home and cowardly abroad. How can a Confederate soldier follow a man who says this of his people of the South?" In reference to silverhe said, "that question cannot be touched so long as the Senate is Republican, even if the House is Democratic. Talk about prosperity and prices," said he, "this little country has always been noted for the thrift of its people. I ask you if times are better than in 1896?"

"I am informed that when McKinley was elected wheat was worth \$1.00. Now at my depot, Brandy station, our farmers are selling it at 62 cents on board cars. Do you call that prosperity? There is no prosperity for the farmer but for the manufacturer. There are to-day 100,000 miners on a strike who get the same wages they did in '96, but pay 40 per cent. more for what they buy, that is why they strike. Trusts under the Cleveland administration were few, now they number 600. The Republican states are owned by trusts and railroads. The party stands as their champion.

"Mark Hanna says he wants \$30,000,000 as a corruption fund for the campaign, and he will get it from the trust companies. If you want the trusts controlled you must look to Bryan and not McKinley. He tells you if elected he will convene Congress the next day, control the trusts and take down our flag in the Philippines. The trusts can well afford to contribute to Mark Hanna's corruption fund. Look at Carnegie, the great head of the steel trust; his income last year was \$2,000,000; this year it will be \$24,000,000. What does he care for a contribution of two or three million dollars? He will get it all back in one sale of armor plate to the Government.

"McKinley is inconsistent; we first find him for free trade and then for tariff in Porto Rico. He has no defined policy. If Bryan had been President he would have convened Congress and gotten authority to conduct the war. We have to day an army of 100,000 men; all this country wants is 25,000. The expenses for army and pensions is \$267,000,000. We pay more for the army in the Philippines in one year than the islands are worth. Senator Hoar, who now is standing by the Republican party, said in the Senate last session when he opposed the policy of the administration in the Philippines that the great question before the American people was, 'whether we should continue a Republic or have an Empire; that Congress was governing Porto Rico outside of the constitution.' Stop imperialism. Now Bryan is pledged not to accept a second term. Let this government be content to stay at home; observe the Monroe doctrine. Let America be for America, and let China and the Philippines alone."

LOWRY.

Mr. Lowry said: "It is embarrassing to follow Mr. Rixey. The terms offered us were such that we did not wish to accept and we accepted them under protest, but we wanted to show them that we were not afraid to stand up and discuss the issues that are presented in the campaign, and to say to our people that their interests are safe in the policy pursued by the Republican party. We are here to talk horse sense, not to tell you what will be done if Bryan is elected, but to tell you what has been done by McKinley and the Republican party.

"We glory in our country and the party that has controlled it for the past forty years, except for eight years when the Democrats were in power and men walked the streets looking for work. Sonophouses were established in the cities to prevent riots, and tramps roamed the country. What do we see now? A man who wants work can get it and good wages paid, the manufacturers of the country in full blast, agricultural products in demand at good prices, money plenty and prosperity everywhere. The Democratic party is one of new issues. In 1892 they came with their free trade fallacies, they were exploded. In 1896 it was something else. Free silver, they say, is dead, because they have a new idea, and now in 1900 they bring forward the new paramount bugaboo issue, imperialism. When they are defeated on November 6th they will hatch something new to try in 1904. The Republicans follow the policy 'The good of the whole people.' Mr. Bryan represents a combination of 'issues.' The Democratic party of to-day is not the glorious old Democratic party of the past. The bulk of the party wish to lay aside free silver as they did the free trade policy of 1892, but Bryan dominated the Kansas City Convention, and although only about 20 per cent. of the convention was for the free silver plank, he demanded it put in, which was done. And notwithstanding free silver made him what he is in certain localities he leaves it out of his speeches because it is not popular. Mr. Rixey, speaks of trusts as fostered by the Republicans. The Democratic party has never legislated against trusts. Under the policy of the Republican party labor to-day is independent and defies capital." In regard to imperialism he cited that European countries had armies ranging from 14 men to the 1,000 to 18 to the 1,000 of population, while in the United States, with its present army of 65,000 men, it was only 1 to the 1,000 of its population. "Do you fear imperialism with these conditions? Imperialism is only a scare-crow. They cannot stand on the record made by Cleveland in his eight years of power. They are looking for something new to fool the people in every campaign. Why is it we have Cuba and the Philippines? It is because of humanity. They were ground down under the heel of tyrant Spain and will soon be free and with a good government. Look at Alaska. It was acquired in 1867 and it is only in the past year or so that it has been enjoying even territorial rights. This country which has been built up by the Republican party is the greatest in the world. In the past four years the balance of trade in our favor has been greater than in the 108 previous years. Is this not a record for the Republican party? Prosperity has come all over the country. Do you want to go back to the panic conditions of '96? If not go to the polls on Nov. 6th and vote for McKinley, Roosevelt and Rogers."

LEE.

Mr. Lee is a broad-shouldered, stalwart specimen of manhood, weighing 250 pounds. When he was presented by Chairman Lee as his 'small cousin,' the building rung with applause, and a voice said, "he is fat and hearty and best beliving on McKinley money," to which Mr. L. replied: "We will see about that later, but not yet. I am surprised to see a Confederate soldier in the Republican ranks. Mr. Rogers says he was a Confederate soldier and fought for what he believed was right. He should have said, what he knew was right." (Tremendous applause.) Said he, "I will dismiss prosperity with a few words. There is prosperity for the armor plate manufacturer, for the manufacturer of the 13 inch gun, but no prosperity for the farmer, and if it is coming it is devilish slow.

"As to the silver question that is an issue passed on four years ago and settled." He said later in his speech that if Bryan is elected then we will bring it up again. He told an anecdote of a man having said and said "with four more years of McKinley rule we would all have fits." His speech was decidedly humorous and caught the crowd. While he was speaking a voice said: "Bryan Bryan in the ground," He replied, "you cannot do that, he is on the mountain top." Lack of space prevents us giving a full synopsis of his speech.

During the speeches repeated cheers for McKinley and Bryan were given and Chairman Lee was kept busy calling for order. After the speaking Messrs. Lee and Rixey were given an ovation on the green. So ended a big day in Stafford.

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